

REMARKS

The specification has been reviewed, and clerical errors of the specification have been amended. Also, claims have been reviewed, and formality thereof has been amended according to the practice.


On page 2 of the Action, claims 47-77 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 48, 50-77 and 79 of copending Application No. 10/599,711 in view of Epp et al.

Since the above copending application has not been examined yet, please proceed with the present application first. If necessary, a terminal disclaimer will be filed in the above copending application.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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